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(54) Title: GENERATION OF PLANTS WITH ALTERED OIL CONTENT

(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to plants that display an altered oil content phenotype due to altered expression of a citrate synthase nucleic acid. The invention is further directed to methods of generating plants with an altered oil content phenotype.

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/0160378 A1 (HARPER et al.) 31 October 2002 (31.10.2002), see SEQ ID NO: 1553, see especially pages 26-32.	1-7
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-8, drawn to a transgenic plant transformed with DNA encoding SEQ ID NO: 2, and a method of producing a high oil phenotype in said plant.

Group II, claim(s) 9-11, drawn to a method of generating a plant having a high oil phenotype by identifying a plant with an allele of citrate synthase that results in increased oil content.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Group I requires an isolated DNA encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, which is not required by Group II. In addition, the methods of Group I and II require different method steps and result in different products and are of different scope with regard to alleles of citrate lyase, wherein Group II is not limited to a plant having in its genome DNA that encodes an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.